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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The Red Cross in Romania is now a political mass organization with certain hygienic aims. It exists for the same purpose as all other Communist mass organizations, i.e. to attract into its ranks the masses of the population in order to be able to make use of them politically and practically. The main purpose of the Romanian Red Cross, as outlined by the Central Committee of the Communist Party, is the training of the maximum number of first aid personnel in the event of another war.
2. The organization is headed by Constanta Graciun, president of the UFDR (Union of Romanian Democratic Women), as honorary president; but its actual head is General Secretary, Tomulescu, fmu, a former teacher who is generally considered to be a distinguished educationalist. All doctors, nurses and health workers are members of the organization.
3. All enterprises have a first aid station where a doctor and nurses teach the workers first aid in three-month courses. At the end of the course, the students receive a diploma and red cross emblem. A nine-month course in first aid nursing (for women) is held at all factories. First aid courses for air ambulance crews and parachutists are held in all parts of Romania, but particularly in Transylvania.
4. The organization has a fleet of completely new ambulances, of Italian make (Fiat), which are not yet in use.
5. Blood is collected from persons with normal and with high blood pressure. It is processed and either kept in a blood bank or dispatched to an unknown destination. Blood donors receive a special meat ration, money, and other privileges.
6. Parcels containing medical supplies are received by the Red Cross from an unknown source abroad.

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